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BUILDING SYSTEM USING SAME

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2. JP 5-44440 U, published June 15, 1993 to Okuma Corporation.
3. JP 9-300159 A, published November 25, 1997 to Okuma Corporation.
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